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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10-16, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein S, T, U and W each are C-R⁴, or formula IIa, III, IV or V wherein T is C-R⁴, or formula VI, VII or VIII, namely benzenic core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 548, 549, 544, 546 and others, subclasses 146, 215, 250, 300.1 and various others, class 514, subclasses 358, 372, 374, 378, 385 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia, IIa, III, IV, V, VI, VII or VIII.
- II. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-16, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein one of S, T, U and W is N and the other three are each C-R⁴, or formula IIa, III, IV or V wherein T is N, namely pyridine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 546 and others, subclasses 268.1, 290, 291, 297, 298 and various others, class 514, subclasses 336, 345, 346 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia, IIa, III, IV or V.
- III. Claims 1, 10, 13, 15, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein S and T are each N or T and U are each N and the other two are C-R⁴, namely

pyridazine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 544 and others, subclasses, 224, 238, 239 and various others, class 514, subclasses 247, 252.01 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia.

- IV. Claims 1, 10, 13, 15, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein S and U are each N or S and W are each N and the other two each are C-R⁴ namely pyrimidine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 544 and others, subclasses 242, 298, 315, 316, 319, 320 and various others, class 514, subclasses 256, 269, 275 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia.
- V. Claims 1, 10, 13, 15, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein T and W are each N, S and U each are C-R⁴, namely pyrazine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 544 and others, subclasses 336, 405, 407, 408 and various others, class 514, subclasses 247, 252.10 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia.
- VI. Claims 1, 10, 13, 15, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein S, U and W are each N, the other C-R⁴, namely 1,3,5-triazine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 544 and others, subclasses 180, 194, 196, 204, 216 and various others, class 514,

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subclasses 241 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia.

VI.I Claims 1, 10, 13, 15, drawn to compound of formula Ia, wherein S, T and W are each N, U is C-R⁴, or T, U and W are each nitrogen and S is C-R⁴, namely 1,2,4-triazine core compound, composition and method of use, classified in classes 544 and others, subclasses 182 and various others, class 514, subclasses 242 and various others depending upon the choice of preferred embodiments of V and the other variable groups of formula Ia.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

As per MPEP § 803, there are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions:

(A) The inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed and

(B) There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is required.

Invention I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII are independent and distinct from each other because they are directed to structurally dissimilar compounds with distinct choices of S, T, U, W, that lack common core, namely, benzene core versus pyridine core versus pyridazine versus pyrimidine versus pyrazine versus 1,3,5-triazine versus 1,2,4-triazine core compounds. Consequently, the groups have different classifications and require separate prior art searches. They can be made and used independently. Art which may render obvious or anticipate one of the groups would not necessarily do the same for the other group. For example prior art cited in the Information Disclosure Statement may

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not be applicable to all the above groups. Each can support a patent, as the compounds of each group are capable of being utilized alone not in combination with other members listed in the Markush group.

In addition, it is necessary to classify and search all the controlling cores generically embraced in Group I, II, III, IV, V, VI and VII along with various choices of heterocyclic ring embraced variable groups. Such a search of all controlling cores would be a serious search burden.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: see claim 12.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, 1-11 and 13-16 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include

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all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

In view of distinct nature of each of the invention, the restriction is set forth in writing.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be addressed to Venkataraman Balasubramanian (Bala) whose telephone number is (571)

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272-0662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8.00 AM to 6.00 PM. The Acting Supervisory Patent Examiner (SPE) of the art unit 1624 is James O. Wilson, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0661.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned (571) 273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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